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The following German military and AMT VI/S information is based on SCI interrogation of OSTRICH following the latter's return from Germany to Paris.

(A) German Military Confusion

1. During March and April OSTRICH was in the region of the XVIII SS AK. This AK was charged with the defence of the region of BADEN. Its headquarters were first at UNTERMUNSTERTAL near STADTFEN. OSTRICH often went there and was introduced to the commanding general, SS Obergruppenfuehrer KEPPLER, to whom OSTRICH gave a report on the general situation in France, from a military and an intelligence point of view. OSTRICH became a friend of the Io of the AK, Hauptsturmfuehrer KURAT.

2. About 5 April the XVIII SS AK left UNTERMUNSTERTAL and established a camp in the woods between WALDKIRCH and DETTENBACH. OSTRICH went there only once, about 16 April, when he again saw KURAT. OSTRICH reports that everyone seemed to have lost his head and that no one knew what to do. KURAT, for instance, told OSTRICH that the situation had become impossible, that the Volksturm went over to the Allies by whole companies, that there had been instances of fraternising between the French army and the German population, that there had even been cases of KURAT about the Wehrmacht. KURAT replied that there was no longer a Wehrmacht, that there exists only a headquarters and the Volksturm.

3. OSTRICH saw only one other SS formation. This was the Junkerschule which was formerly at TOELZ in Bavaria and is now located at ST. PETER-TOTTNAU in BADEN. The Junkerschule is under the command of Obersturmbannfuehrer SCHULZE and Ritterkreuztraeger Sturmbannfuehrer RUHLE. OSTRICH knows RUHLE personally. The Junkerschule is made up of a thousand men and, according to RUHLE, was to carry out guerrilla warfare in groups of ten. Up to the present, as far as OSTRICH knows, they have not engaged in any military activity. OSTRICH had been ordered by Obergruppenfuehrer KEPPLER to be the sabotage instructor for the Junkerschule.

4. OSTRICH reports that the Gestapo of the BADEN region has retired to ST. PETER-TOTTNAU.

(B) German-Captured Allied-Target List

OSTRICH also reports that Charlie HAGEDORN received three copies of a target list which had been found on an Allied Officer. OSTRICH says that it was a long list of addresses of places which had been occupied by the SD Amt VI and the Abwehr and which the Allies planned to occupy. Amongst others were mentioned the Kommando HAGEN at BADENWEILER and the offices of Standartenfuehrer BLOKLER at CONSTANOE. Immediately after discovery of the list on the Allied officer (who OSTRICH thinks may have been French), all the offices were ordered to move and to put their documents in a safe place. OSTRICH states that the occupying forces should not be surprised if the addresses they have as targets do not contain anything of interest. HAGEDORN received the list from three separate sources; the XVIII SS AK, the DDS at BADEN and the Gestapo at LORRAH.

(C) German Military Insignia Changes

In February, according to OSTRICH, HITLER issued an order saying that all members of the SD and the Gestapo had to change their shoulder boards immediately. Instead of wearing shoulder boards with a green border, they were to wear the regular Waffen SS shoulder boards which have a white border for the infantry, a red border for the artillery, etc.

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In addition the members of the SD and the Gestapo were ordered to put the SS sign on the right side of the collar which they did not have before. Until this order they had not been issued with a soldbuch but had only a red Dienststellen ausweiss or a metal police card. They have now been given soldbuhs whch contain only false information. Some members have also been given Wehrmacht soldbuhs.

(D) German Resistance Plans.

In general as to the military situation OSTRICH says that the Germans have thoroughly and methodically prepared to carry on guerilla warfare and that it has no relation to the defeat of the army. They have prepared food, ammunition and sabotage dumps. OSTRICH stresses that the preparations for guerilla warfare must not be underestimated. In this connection OSTRICH states that the Kreisleiter is in charge of the organisation of all kinds of dumps in his region working with the newly-created Werewolf.

OSTRICH himself saw a secret order coming from Gauleiter WAGNER addressed to Kreisleiters saying that each Kreisleiter was to prepare a special group of a hundred carefully selected men for special sabotage activities. This was to be in addition to the activities of the Werewolf.

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